(d) and (e) The Scheme is demand bases and the project proposal has to come from the eligible organisations and as such, there is no time bound programme for implementation of the scheme.

Human development level

†5445. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the human development level of the people in some States of the country has been found to be pitiable;

(b) if so, the names of such States;

(c) whether Government have decided to bring them at par with other States by implementing special scheme; and

(d) if so, the fact in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) The National Human Development Report, 2001, has brought out wide disparities among States in the level of human development due to their attainment levels in the areas of economic progress, education and health. It has also been found over a period of the time that States which have lagged behind in comparision to economically better off States have registered significant progress in terms of peace of development. As development is a continuous process, constant efforts have been made from time to time in consultation with States Governments with a view to further reduce the existing disparities.

Grants to madarsas

5446. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government were planning to modernise madarsas in a bid to bring them into the natior.al mainstream;

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